

**HIGH BRIDGE STATE PARK**  
**MASTER PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MAY 8, 2006**  
**MINUTES**

The first meeting of the High Bridge Master Plan Advisory Committee was convened at the VDOT training Center in Farmville. Committee Members in attendance were: Don Austin, Bobbie Burton, Chris Calkins, William Craft, Fredrick Floyd, Susan Campbell, William Fore, Phyllis Goin, Travis Harris, Robert Mitchell, Earl Moore, Anne Nase, Sarah Puckett, Michael and Laura Rice, Celina Schmucker, Sherry Swinson, Allen Turnbull, Bobby Wilcox, and Bruce Wingo. DCR staff present were: Joe Maroon, Joe Elton, John Davy, Bob Munson, Anne Zahn, Erik Hougland, John Zawaski, and Greg Wallace. Others present were: Mary Anna Wilcox, Herbert Doswell, Catherine Kahl, and Sarah Terry.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Joseph H. Maroon, Director, Department of Conservation and Recreation, who described the operating divisions in the Department and their programs. Mr. Maroon thanked everyone for agreeing to serve on the advisory committee. He then expressed the appreciation of the Commonwealth to Norfolk Southern for the donation of the High Bridge rail corridor and especially to Bruce Wingo, Vice President for Government Relations for Norfolk Southern, for his role in shepherding the donation through. He then discussed some of the challenges facing the planning of the High Bridge State Park-including naming the park-and assured the committee that the park would become a community as well as a state asset.

Joe Elton, Director of the Division of State Parks, gave a brief history of the state park system and showed a recently released video about our state parks.

John Davy, Director of the Division of Planning and Recreation Resources gave a presentation describing the master planning process and some of the findings of the Virginia Outdoors Survey that dealt with the public's preferences for facilities in state parks.

Bob Munson, Planner, discussed the steps in the master planning process and handed out two questionnaires dealing with environmental scoping and development of the community communications plan. The committee agreed on the meeting dates for the development of the master plan as well as the dates for the public input meetings. It was agreed that all committee meetings will be held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 1:00 PM at the VDOT Training Center in Farmville (except June's which will be held on the fifth Thursday). Public Input meetings will be held in the Prince Edward County Board Room at 7:00 PM. The meeting dates are as follows:

Meeting 2: Tour of corridor	June 22
Meeting 3: Environmental Scoping	June 29
Meeting 4: Goals and Objectives	July 27
Meeting 5: First Public Input Meeting	August 17

Meeting 6: Map facilities and use areas  
Meeting 7: Complete mapping, Prioritize  
Meeting 8: Final Public Input meeting  
Meeting 9: (If necessary) Adjust Plan

August 24  
September 28  
October 19  
October 26

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.